

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1, 3, 4, and 28.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 4-27, 29 and 31-33 are pending, with claims 4-18, 21-27, 29 and 31 being withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3, 28 and 30 have been previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 32 and 33 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Patentably Distinguishable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the remarks by the Examiner that the prior art, alone or in any combination, does not teach the invention of claims 33, 19-20, and 32.

Objections to the Specification

Applicants have amended the Specification to address the informalities identified by the Examiner. Applicants believe that the substitute specification is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 and respectfully request that the substitute specification enclosed herewith be entered, and that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

Applicants have amended the Drawings to address the informalities identified by the Examiner.

Specifically, Applicants have amended Fig. 28 to illustrate the adhesive 16 that is applied “in the neighborhood of the overlapping pre-opening part 96,” as described in the Specification at page 41, lines 1-11.

With respect to Figure 7, broken line 15 is in fact provided only on the rear face of the wrapping container. Applicants note that tape 14 and the sealed ends on the front of the wrapper are not visible because Figure 7 illustrates the back side of the wrapper. See Original Specification, page 62, lines 13025. However, Applicants have amended Figures 1, 3, and 4 to illustrate the broken line 15 of the wrapping container in which tape 14 is visible.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 19, 20, 32 and 33 are objected to as having informalities. Applicants have amended claims 32 and 33 to address these informalities.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19, 20, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 33 to address the Examiner's rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 19, 20, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have amended the Specification and the claims to address this rejection and respectfully submit that the claims 33, 19-20 and 32 now

comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

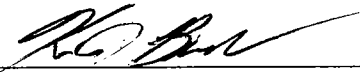
CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2008 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 4-27, 29 and 31-33 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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